

## House Resolution No. 4715

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Richard DeShon, who will be retiring from his position as Driver and Engineer for Engine 6, A-Shift, with the St. Joseph Fire Department in October of this year, after thirty-four years of loyal and dedicated service; and

**Whereas**, Richard DeShon, who nobly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, is a member of Fire Fighters Local 77, IAFF, AFL-CIO, and the Grace Evangelical Church; and

**Whereas**, throughout his career, Richard DeShon has responded to emergencies ranging from medical and citizen assists to Haz-Mat, vehicle extrication, and single-family, and multi-alarm fires; and

**Whereas**, as Driver of Engine 6, A-Shift, Richard DeShon's alarm district encompasses four major highways and the St. Joseph's eastside business park; and

**Whereas**, as a Driver in one of St. Joseph's highest traffic areas on a telesquirt, Richard DeShon has an unblemished safety record; and

**Whereas**, Richard DeShon has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful and supportive family, which includes his wife, Darla, and their children, Matt and Kathy:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Richard DeShon on the auspicious occasion of his retirement and to wish him every happiness and success in all his future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Richard DeShon.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ed Wildberger  
District No. 27

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4715, adopted September 12, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker